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Rally for rights

Tora Johnson, former director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, participates in the gay rights rally held in front of the Federal Building on Tuesday. The demonstration was held in conjunction with a mass march on Washington, D.C.

Photo by Cliff Etzel

Students cite major flaws in housing's lottery system

By Michael Egan
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The first review of the University Housing's new lottery system, which determines residency at the East Campus Housing, received unfavorable marks Wednesday.

The student family housing complex, a system of 120 homes ranging from studio units to six-bedroom houses in a four-block area southeast of campus, has experimented with a waiting list lottery since August of 1986.

Under the lottery system, the waiting list is determined by picking student families randomly each term from a pool of applicants.

Once on the list, the student families must wait for an opening, which sometimes can take an entire term.

Priority is determined by degree level: Graduate students have priority over undergraduates, and size of the home is determined by the number in the family.

Most of the students at Wednesday's meeting wanted to dismantle the lottery and return to the old system of taking applications on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"Everybody has an equal chance, but equal is not fair. Equal means everybody has the same chance. But it should be based on how long a family has waited, not if they're lucky enough to be chosen," said Katie Essick, a secretary in the Division of Teacher Education, whose husband is a graduate student. Essick's family has tried to get on the East Campus waiting list for five terms.

The housing department abandoned

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Acting IFC chairman charges four members with violations

By Carolyn Lamberson
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Acting Incidental Fee Committee Chairman Bob Baldwin is charging four members of the committee, including himself, with violating the ASUO Constitution and state law.

Baldwin contends the four committee members, who were elected as part of the Students for a Progressive Agenda student political party, met outside the committee and decided on four elected committee positions: chairperson, vice chairperson and the two IFC representatives to the EMU Board of Directors.

Baldwin said he was approached on Oct. 5 by fellow committee member Steve Hoyt about a meeting at a local restaurant to be held on Oct. 9. Baldwin was informed that two other members of the committee, Armando Morales and Kristin Teigen, would be there also.

The two members of the committee not endorsed by SPA during the 1987 ASUO spring elections, Sandra Thompson and J.B. Leahy, were not invited. Thompson and Leahy were elected to their positions as part of the Concerned Students for Responsive Leadership coalition.

Baldwin wrote in his brief to the court that he was under the assumption the gathering would be social and "any discussion of political issues would be of a general and non-specific nature." However, discussion turned towards the IFC officer elections, scheduled to take place the following Monday, Oct. 12.

The vote was not held because two members of the committee, Morales and Laurie Clark, were not present.

Since SPA has a majority on the committee, it is widely regarded that an SPA member will hold the chairperson position. However, Baldwin charges that

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Historic train station awaits new home or dismal grave

By Betsy Clayton
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The historic train station stands empty near Main Street and Sixth Avenue in Springfield. It's the only building of its kind in the state of Oregon, and the city needs to tear it down or move it.

"It's what you might call an attractive nuisance," said John Tamulonis, economic development manager for Springfield, of the Queen Anne-style depot that was built in the late 1800s.

"The only reason to save it is for historic purposes, and we should try to save it because it is a historic building to the city of Springfield," Tamulonis said.

The station is owned by Southern Pacific Railroad and has been vacant since early in 1985, when it was being used

for personnel work. It hasn't housed passengers since the late '60s, said Jacquie Murdock of the Springfield Historical Commission. In 1984 Southern Pacific offered the city the station if the city relocated it.

Tamulonis said the city has been working on the issue of what to do with the depot ever since. The Community Development Advisory Committee set aside \$150,000 in 1984 to help relocate the building, but Tamulonis said a separate study shows that to move it and set it up could cost \$500,000.

"And that's not including the cost of the new site or the cost of changing the facility so it can be used for another purpose," he said.

The Springfield Historical Commission is trying to find additional funding for the project. Murdock said that the city has

set aside \$150,000 as "entrance beautification money," and the Springfield City Council could decide to give some of that money to the depot. She also said the historical commission would like to get \$50,000 in in-kind donations and \$150,000 from private donations or other grant sources.

Two sites are being considered for the station's relocation, Tamulonis said. One is near the railroad tracks south of the current location where the city owns some land. "Unfortunately this isn't a very good site for the building because it's visible on a limited basis, it's in an industrial area and it would take a lot to make it attractive," he said.

The second site, at South Second and South A streets, is the most desirable location, he said, because there are two entrances to the city there. The Eugene-



Photo by Cliff Etzel

The old Southern Pacific station near Main Street and Sixth Avenue in Springfield will likely be torn down unless it can be moved to another location.

Glenwood traffic and the I-5 exiting traffic pass by this spot. "Also South Second extends to the Dorris Ranch Living History

Farm, which is a tourist site. The property there is privately

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